



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Masanobu SAITO, et al. ) : Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: 10/714,636 ) : Group Art Unit: 2852  
Filed: November 18, 2003 ) : Confirmation No.: 3255  
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS ) : April 12, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents  
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment, filed on November 18, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application, as follows.